## **MCAD Relocates Worcester Office**

New Location to Provide Increased Services to Worcester County



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Worcester, MA (January 15, 2015) – The Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination, the state's civil rights agency, announces the opening of its new office in downtown Worcester, MA, across the street from the historic City Hall. This new location will allow the MCAD to better serve existing and future residents in the heart of the Commonwealth.

"This is an important move for the MCAD and the people we serve, ensuring that we can provide all of the support necessary for the citizens of Worcester County," said Jamie R. Williamson, Chairwoman of the MCAD. "The MCAD is committed to providing timely and effective services to all of Massachusetts, and this office will expand our capabilities to meet a growing demand."

With the expanded space, MCAD will be able to run larger trainings for businesses and landlords, as well as hold mediations and hearings on site, services the branch office was not able to provide before. "This move will allow all parties to save valuable time and money by keeping cases in the same location for the entire process," the Chairwoman said.

About the MCAD: Since its founding in 1946, the mission of the MCAD is to reduce and ultimately eradicate discrimination in the state through the enforcement of the Commonwealth's anti-discrimination statutes. MCAD is a law enforcement agency with the authority to investigate, adjudicate, and resolve cases of discrimination. The agency also provides over 200 public trainings and outreach sessions annually for employers and landlords. In accordance with state law, the MCAD is required to maintain four offices in Massachusetts, located in Boston, New Bedford, Springfield, and Worcester.

For more information about the MCAD, including directions, resources and instructions on filing a complaint, visit: <a href="www.mass.gov/mcad/">www.mass.gov/mcad/</a>

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